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Synonyms & Antonyms

Circle the answer that provides a synonym for the underlined word in each sentence.

1. Atlantic sturgeon were once abundant in every major coastal river along the Atlantic coast in North America, but populations have declined significantly.

A. scarce

C. plentiful

B. rare

D. beautiful

2. Atlantic sturgeon are large fish, which can grow up to 14 feet, and weigh over 800 pounds.

A. lethargic

C. skinny

B. substantial

D. fast

3. One way Atlantic sturgeon differ from shortnose sturgeon is by their longer and more sharply shovel-shaped snout.

A. nose

C. scutes

B. teeth

D. barbels

4. Atlantic sturgeon are anadromous, remaining primarily in coastal and estuarine waters during much of the year and entering rivers in the spring to spawn.

A. secondarily

C. little

B. generally

D. rarely

5. The bony scutes and large size of adult sturgeon work as effective adaptations in minimizing predation of fish two or more years old.

A. useful

C. ineffective

B. terrible

D. unsuccessful

Circle the answer that provides an antonym for the underlined word in each sentence.

6. Sturgeons have been on the Earth for more than 120 million years. This means that they have survived since dinosaurs were flourishing on the earth.

A. thriving

C. growing

B. failing

D. booming

7. Atlantic sturgeon are benthic feeders, which means they eat prey found on the bottom such as mussels, worms, and crustaceans.

A. base

C. top

B. floor

D. underneath

8. Atlantic sturgeon were once abundant in every major coastal river along the Atlantic coast in North America, but populations have declined significantly.

A. weakened

C. dropped

B. increased

D. deteriorated

9. Atlantic sturgeon can live up to approximately 60 years.

A. exactly

C. around

B. about

D. nearly

10. People are historically the biggest known "predator" of Atlantic sturgeon.

A. traditionally

C. previously

B. currently

D. typically



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Creating Synonyms & Antonyms Worksheet Instructions

Using the website http://www.nero.noaa.gov/prot_res/scutes/lifecycle3.htm you will create a worksheet with ten factual sentences about Atlantic sturgeon.

You must choose one word in each sentence to underline. The word you choose to underline will be the word that the corrector must find a synonym or an antonym for. You must write four different choices for the corrector to choose for the answer (A, B, C, or D) with only one being a correct match. Use the worksheet you just completed as a guide for how you should set up your paper.

You must write five sentences for synonyms and five sentences for antonyms. Make sure to include directions on your worksheet so the corrector knows what to do.

You may use a thesaurus and dictionary to help you.